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TAGS: GT, UK, BH
SUBJ: REACTION TO YOUNG STATEMENT ON BELIZE

REF: SAN JOSE 3653 (NOTAL)

1. BOTH PRENSA LIBRE AND EL GRAFICO, PRINCIPAL MORNING PAPERS, DEVOTE FRONTPAGE HEADLINES TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS (LATIN AND ACAN-EFE) OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT. ITEMS THEMSELVES APPEAR ON INSIDE PAGES. PRENSA LIBRE'S HEADLINE READS: "YOUNG RATIFIES US SUPPORT FOR BELIZE INDEPENDENCE," A REFERENCE TO YOUNG'S APPARENT REPETITION IN HIS DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE RESPONSE MADE EARLIER IN STUDENT GATHERING (REFTEL). EL GRAFICO
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REPORTS LATTER UNDER SUBHEAD: "SURPRISING DECLARATION OF UN REPRESENTATIVE, IN COSTA RICA."

2. IN REMARKS CARRIED BY RADIO AND TV EVENING AUGUST 9 AFTER STORY BROKE IN AFTERNOON LA TARDE (HEADLINE: "USG SUPPORTS BELIZE INDEPENDENCE"), ASSISTANT PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY ROLANDO ARCHILA ALLUDED TO AMBASSADOR

YOUNG'S "REPUTATION FOR IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS", THEN SAID GOG "OFFICIALLY HAD HEARD NOTHING". HE NOTED THAT USG HAD UP TO NOW REPRESENTED ITS POSITION TO BE ONE OF "NEUTRALITY," THAT OF "FRIEND OF BOTH PARTIES" TO DISPUTE. HE ADDED THAT SUCH NEUTRALITY WAS "IN SOME WAYS PARTIAL" TO UK, BECAUSE OF US POLICY ON ARMS SALES TO GUATEMALA. ARCHILA ANTICIPATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD BE REQUESTING CLARIFICATION FROM US. AS QUOTED IN PRENSA LIBRE, ARCHILA ALSO ASSERTED, "SO LONG AS USG DOES NOT OFFICIALLY INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF ANY CHANGE IN ITS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO BELIZE, GOG WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER IT NEUTRAL."

3. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER LUIS AYCINENA LIMITED HIMSELF TO SAYING THAT FONMIN MOLINA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE A STATEMENT ON HIS RETURN TODAY FROM SAN SALVADOR. AYCENA ANTICIPATED US AMBASSADOR WOULD BE CALLED IN FOR CLARIFICATION OF US POSITION.
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